

Maine Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, May 2012

The Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey produces occupational employment and wage estimates for the nation, each of the 50 states, and most metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs). Tables for Maine (statewide), the metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) of Bangor, Lewiston-Auburn, and Portland-South Portland-Biddeford, and each Maine county are provided on our web site. Also provided are the Portsmouth NH-ME and Rochester-Dover NH-ME areas which include cities and towns in both New Hampshire and Maine. Occupational listings are sorted by Standard Occupational Classification (SOC), arranged by job function within 22 major occupational groups.

Maine county-level tables are locally produced as an extension of the official OES data series, and have not been reviewed or validated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The OES survey categorizes jobs into the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. The SOC structure consists of 22 major occupational groups based on the type of work performed. Military occupations are not included. While not all detailed SOC occupations are reported in Maine, this report contains over 650 occupational entries at the statewide level.

The May 2012 OES estimates are based on data collected during the May 2012, November and May 2011, November and May 2010, and November 2009 surveys. Employment estimates are benchmarked to the average employment of November 2011 and May 2012. Wage estimates are benchmarked to May 2012 through the Employment Cost Index (ECI) for each ECI occupational group.

The following information is provided:

Area Name

The geographic area covered by the estimates.

SOC Code

The Standard Occupational Classification code identifies each occupation. It is useful when researching occupational information through O*Net, the Occupational Outlook Handbook, America's Career One-Stop, and other labor market information resources.

Occupation Title

The occupational title assigned to the classification.

Estimated Employment

Occupational employment estimate for the specified area.

Relative Error (Empl)

This is the percentage in which true employment might differ from the published estimate. The lower the error, the more reliable the associated estimate of employment.

Mean Wage (Hourly)

This is the weighted average hourly wage. It is the estimated total wages for an occupation divided by its weighted employment.

Mean Wage (Annual)

This is the weighted average annual wage, based on a 40 hour work-week, 52 weeks per year. Certain occupations, such as teachers, are only calculated at an annual rate due to their non-standard work year. Hourly rates for those occupations cannot be accurately determined.

Relative Error (Mean)

This is the percentage in which the true mean wage might differ from the published estimate. The lower the error, the more reliable the associated estimate.

Entry (Hourly and Annual)

This is the mean of the lower one-third of the data set, or distribution. While not published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, it is published locally by many states as an estimate of entry-level wages.

Experienced (Hourly and Annual)

This is the mean of the upper two-thirds of the data set, or distribution. While not published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, it is published locally by many states to estimate wage rates for experienced workers.

10th Percentile (Hourly and Annual)

At the 10th percentile, only 10% earn less than this figure, while 90% earn more.

25th Percentile (Hourly and Annual)

Twenty-fifth percentile. This is the lower boundary of the mid-range, where 25% of an occupation earn less and 75% earn more than this figure.

Median (Hourly and Annual)

The 50th percentile or mid-point. One-half earn less, and one-half earn more than this amount.

75th Percentile (Hourly and Annual)

Seventy-fifth percentile. This is the upper boundary of the mid-range, where 75% of an occupation earn less and 25% earn more.

90th Percentile (Hourly and Annual)

At this upper boundary, only 10% earn more, while 90% earn less.

Occupational Structure

Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Major Occupational Groups:

11-0000	Management Occupations
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations Occupations
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical Occupations
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering Occupations
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations
21-0000	Community and Social Service Occupations
23-0000	Legal Occupations
25-0000	Education, Training, and Library Occupations
27-0000	Art, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations
31-0000	Healthcare Support Occupations
33-0000	Protective Service Occupations
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations
39-0000	Personal Care and Service Occupations
41-0000	Sales and Related Occupations
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support Occupations
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations
47-0000	Construction and Extraction Occupations
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations
51-0000	Production Occupations
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations
55-0000	Military Specific Occupations (Not Surveyed by OES)

Area Designations-May 2012

Bangor Metropolitan Area

Alton
Amherst
Argyle Township (unorganized)
Aurora
Bangor
Bradford
Bradley
Brewer
Carmel
Charleston
Clifton
Corinth
Dedham
Dixmont
East Central Penobscot
(unorganized)

Eddington
Edinburg
Enfield
Etna
Exeter
Frankfort
Garland
Glenburn
Greenbush
Hampden
Hermon
Holden
Howland
Hudson
Kenduskeag
Lagrange

Levant
Lowell
Maxfield
Milford
Newburg
Newport
Old Town
Orono
Orrington
Passadumkeag
Penobscot Indian Island
Reservation
Plymouth
Stetson
Veazie
Winterport

Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan Area

Auburn
Buckfield
Greene
Hartford
Hebron
Leeds

Lewiston
Lisbon
Livermore
Mechanic Falls
Minot
Poland

Sabattus
Sumner
Turner
Wales

Portland-South Portland-Biddeford Metropolitan Area

Alfred
Arundel
Baldwin
Biddeford
Buxton
Cape Elizabeth
Casco
Cornish

Cumberland
Dayton
Falmouth
Freeport
Frye Island
Gorham
Gray
Hiram

Hollis
Kennebunk
Kennebunkport
Limerick
Long Island
Lyman
Naples
New Gloucester

**Portland-South Portland-
Biddeford Metropolitan Area
(cont.)**

North Yarmouth
Old Orchard Beach
Parsonsfield
Porter

Portland
Pownal
Raymond
Saco
Scarborough
Sebago
South Portland

Standish
Waterboro
Westbrook
Windham
Yarmouth

Portsmouth, NH-ME

Eliot (ME)
Kittery (ME)
Greenland (NH)
Hampton (NH)

New Castle (NH)
North Hampton (NH)
Portsmouth (NH)
Rye (NH)

Stratham (NH)

Rochester-Dover, NH-ME

Berwick (ME)
Lebanon (ME)
South Berwick (ME)
Barrington (NH)
Dover (NH)

Farmington (NH)
Lee (NH)
Madbury (NH)
Middleton (NH)
Milton (NH)

New Durham (NH)
Newington(NH)
Rochester (NH)
Rollinsford (NH)
Somersworth (NH)
Strafford (NH)
Wakefield (NH)

Maine Counties

Androscoggin
Aroostook
Cumberland
Franklin
Hancock
Kennebec

Knox
Lincoln
Oxford
Penobscot
Piscataquis
Sagadahoc

Somerset
Waldo
Washington
York

Northeast Balance of State (B.O.S.)

Aroostook County
Hancock County
Penobscot County (Except Bangor MSA)
Piscataquis County
Washington County

Southwest Balance of State (B.O.S.)

Androscoggin County (except Lewiston-Auburn MSA)
Cumberland County (except Portland-S.Portland-Biddeford MSA)
Franklin County
Kennebec County
Knox County
Oxford County
Sagadahoc County
Somerset County
Waldo County (except Winterport and Frankfort)
York County (except towns in Portsmouth, Rochester, and Portland-S.Portland-Biddeford MSAs)